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July 15, 2008

Dear Permittee:

This letter is to notify you that the Shoshone Field Office proposes to renew the grazing permits for Fairfield Allotment and is in the process of analyzing the environmental effects of that action and is documenting the findings in an Environmental Assessment (EA). A pre-decisional version of the EA for this proposal is enclosed for your review and comment.

I am also enclosing an unsigned draft finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for your information. Please understand that this draft FONSI is unsigned and is not a final decision. It is merely a preliminary finding, based on the pre-decisional EA, that the proposed action would have no significant effect on the human environment. We enclose it here only to fully inform your review.

The Fairfield allotment predecisional Environmental Assessment and Preliminary determination can be found at the following website: http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/info/nepa.htm. For a hard copy of the document please contact the BLM Shoshone field Office.

In order for your comments to be considered during the decision-making process, they must be received at the Shoshone Field Office by e-mail at Diana_Miller@blm.gov or by land mail at the address in the letterhead by August 5, 2008.

Once we review the public comments, we will consider them as we finalize the EA and prepare our decision. The next step will be for the BLM to issue a proposed decision on the grazing permit renewal.

Questions may be addressed by contacting Diana Miller at 732-7254.

Sincerely,

/s/Lori Armstrong

Lori Armstrong Shoshone Field Office Manager

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